

February Newsletter

CEO News

It would seem that for, Cowell, February is the beginning of “prime time”. The caravan parks are looking full as is the boat ramp car park, when the weather is good.... and it has been good. Being from the Yorke Peninsula I was quite surprised that we didn't have the influx of visitors in the January school holidays that most coastal towns in regional SA get but have been very pleasantly surprised by what I am seeing now. Clearly, our beautiful harbour, abundant supply of crabs and good fishing makes us a very attractive destination to the “fishing crowd”, but our lack of an attractive foreshore and beach in the town make it more difficult to attract the non-fishers and families.

I have no doubt that the foreshore redevelopment is going to help us rectify this problem and broaden our appeal but it is certainly not only about tourism. It is every bit as much about improving the town, it's facilities and access to the beautiful Franklin Harbour for the people that actually live here.

Speaking of the foreshore redevelopment, the earthworks for the marina are progressing well and we are on track (and on budget) to have a fully completed marina later this year and By the end of 2021 the planned works for the enhancement, expansion and beautification of the foreshore area will be complete. I have noticed that the “bush telegraph” in this area is very busy but, as is so often the case, not very accurate. The latest facts on the foreshore is that the job has been rescoped and re-budgeted which will produce a beautiful and useable foreshore for Cowell, which will reduce Councils contribution by almost \$2.5 million. The visitor information centre/council building has been removed from the scope of works, as has the dedicated market shed. The focus is much more on beautification and landscaping than on buildings which is very much in line with the results of the public consultation process.

If you are a regular reader of this newsletter you will have noticed that thus far I write as an outsider looking in. I do that because I think “fresh eyes” see things differently and it's useful to take advantage of that while it lasts. I am from country SA and have spent a lot of time in country towns around Australia and one of Cowells really unique and fabulous traits is what I call the “Cowell wave”. It is not uncommon (but I think it is in decline) in country areas for drivers on the open road to wave to oncoming traffic as they pass, but here it happens in the town as well, and almost everyone does it!

It may seem only a small thing but I think it says something very positive about this area and it is amazing how a wave from a friend or a stranger can brighten your day, especially if you are having a less than best day. I've noticed in the cities around Australia that it is quite common for drivers to direct gestures at one another but, generally speaking, the gestures I've seen are not a friendly wave.

I mentioned last month that my new year's resolution for 2020 was to be more grateful for all of the good things in my life that I (like most of us) take for granted. Let me tell you that living in a town where people still wave to one another makes that a whole lot easier. Long live the “Cowell wave” I say!

Dr Joy O'Hazy

Dr Joy O'Hazy will be consulting as a Women's Health Practitioner at the Cowell Medical Practice once a month on the following dates:

18th March, 15th April, 20th May & 17th June. Please contact the surgery on (08) 8629 2504 for an appointment.

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LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK STRATEGIC PLAN

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SURVEY CLOSES 6TH MARCH 2020

Australia Day - Citizen of the Year

We had a wonderful turnout once again for the Australia Day Breakfast with Australia Day awards being presented to Anthony (Jack) Kaden as the Citizen of the Year and Declan Crabb as the Junior Citizen of the Year. The Community Event of the Year award was presented to the Cowell RSL 100 Year Celebration.

Bruce Mellett OAM, Australia Day Ambassador of the Year, was the guest speaker who spoke about the importance of the discussion around Australia Day and highlighted that debate is healthy. He added humor to his speech by adding technology while reflecting on the past.



Keeping of Roosters

District Council has a guide for keeping Poultry & other birds within the township of Cowell which states the following:

To prevent the problem of excessive noise, nuisance and disturbance within the neighbourhood, no roosters are to be kept in residential areas.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the booklet please attend the Council Office Monday—Friday between the hours of 8:30am—5pm.

NO ROOSTERS



ALLOWED!

It Looks like Rain

At the end of January and beginning of February, Mother Nature opened up and provided the District and it's surrounding areas with some much needed rain. Over the period of three days we received approximately 50mm of rain, with farmers taking to social media to share in their joy and relief. There also came the task of cleaning up the aftermath of the rain, with roads washed out and creeks running.



January Rainfall - 18mm

February Rainfall - 31.2mm

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer

LIBRARY NEWS

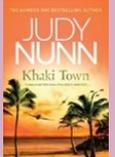
Library Lovers Day



We are celebrating Library Lovers' Day all month in the library. A big thank you to those people who came along and joined us for our Library Lovers' Evening last week. We are running competitions this month to continue celebrations. Firstly, when you borrow an item this month, you'll receive an entry into our raffle. We also have a Book Spine Poetry competition and a library quiz on offer. Pop in, grab a cuppa and join in the fun.

Book Chat & Cuppa Group

Join us for a chat about our latest read *Khaki Town* by Judy Nunn. We are meeting in the library on **Wednesday 26th February @ 10.30**. There are still copies for anyone wanting to read this wonderful book which is based on true events.



Creative Writing Group

Splash out and give yourself some time off and indulge in creative writing this year. Our Writers' group kicks off 2020 with their next meeting on **Wednesday 4th March at 5.30pm in the library**. It would be wonderful to see some new faces this year, people of all ages and ability are welcome.

Adelaide Writers Week

This year, thanks to Libraries SA, we are able to stream a wide range of author interviews which will be given at the 2020 Adelaide Writers' Week, held 29th February – 5th March. How do you join in? Call us and book into a session. When you come in we'll set you up with headphones on one of our community computers and you'll listen live as Libraries SA broadcast from one of the stages of the Festival. If you're interested in seeing which authors are speaking when, please pop in to see the program. Notable authors include; Tim Costello, Tim Flannery, Ross Garnaut, John Birmingham, John Boyne, Jung Chang, Charlotte Wood and Archie Roach



Thankyou

If you've come into the library lately you would have noticed a number of changes. Firstly, we would like to thank Cowell Area School for funding new chairs for the library, and also the Franklin Harbour District Council who so generously donated funds towards our new shelving and computer chairs. Also, very recently Cowell Area School Parents and Friends have pledged funds to replace our projector screen with a new television which will allow us to screen movies throughout the year. A sincere thank you to all parties involved. If you get the chance, pop into the library and have a look!

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Resilient Leaders Training

Unleash your inner leader!

Australian Red Cross is running a leadership training for the Community in the Franklin Harbour Council Area. The training will build your leadership skills, give you tools to assist in helping your friends and family during an emergency, and give you tips on how to activate your community.

people can be leaders in their communities before, during and after an emergency.

Australian Red Cross' *Resilient Leaders* Program recognises that people who are already involved in their communities are in the best position to assist those around them in preparing for and recovering from disasters.

Through a 2 part training program, we work with participants to identify how they can play a role in building resilience in their community. We introduce them to organisations with a key role before, during and after emergencies and encourage participants to work with these organisations to achieve their goals. Following previous Resilient Leaders trainings, participants have taken a wide range of actions to build resilience in their own communities.

When: workshop is 2 sessions over 2 weeks

Wednesday 25th March, Session 1: Community leadership, before something goes wrong and great conversations

Wednesday 1st April, Session 2: When things go wrong, engaging with your community and planning a community event or activity

FREE workshop with Dinner Provided

Time: 5:45pm to 9pm both sessions
Venue: Supper Room (Cowell Institute)

For more information contact Jasmin Piggott on jpiggott@redcross.org.au

Register here:
District Council of Franklin Harbour
with Jasmin Piggott: 0438 207 434

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COWELL LIONS CLUB

MAIN STREET MARKET DATES

Sunday March 8th & Sunday April 5th.

P: Daven 0428 618 175. P: Alan 0427 292 088



District Council of Franklin Harbour Temporary Road

Closure

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as amended, the following roads are closed to vehicular traffic

For the Lions Market Day

Sunday – 8th March 2020

Schedule of Roads

Main Street – Between Third Street and the Esplanade

Between the hours of 8.00am to 2.00pm

Shane Gill

Chief Executive Officer



SA HEALTHY TOWNS CHALLENGE IS NOW OPEN

Live in a rural town? Interested in preventive health and wellbeing?

Apply now to be in the running for a grant of up to \$50,000.

Applications close

Thursday, 9 April 2020

sahealth.sa.gov.au/SAHealthyTowns



SA Health

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Let's create a Suicide-Safer Community Together!



BECOME SUICIDE-ALERT



safeTALK

suicide alertness for everyone

During the half-day interactive workshop, participants learn 4 basic steps to recognise person with thoughts of suicide and help connect them to suicide helping resources. SafeTALK-trained helpers are important when it comes to suicide-safer communities and work alongside intervention resources to identify and avert suicide risks.

Why attend safeTALK?

Most people with thoughts of suicide extend an invitation for help. safeTALK training prepares you to help by using TALK (Tell, Ask, Listen, Keep Safe) to identify and engage a person with thoughts of suicide and to connect them to help. Anyone can attend, you do not need prior knowledge or experience in suicide prevention.

**** anyone 15 years or older can become a Suicide Alert Helper!**

Where:	Cowell Community and Sports Complex Lincoln Highway, Cowell SA
When:	<i>Evening workshop</i> - Thursday 12 th March 5.30pm – 9pm <i>Morning Workshop</i> – Friday 13 th March 9.30am – 1pm
Cost:	FREE - Catering, participant kit and certificate provided
Note:	Please ensure you advise of any dietary requirements by emailing kpursche@cccsa.org.au
If you are interested in attending this ½ day workshop, please register via Eventbrite by clicking links below:	
Evening workshop	https://safetalkeningworkshopcowell.eventbrite.com.au
Morning workshop	https://safetalkmorningworkshopcowell.eventbrite.com.au
If you would like to know more about other suicide prevention workshops around the region, please visit: https://centacarecatholiccountysa.eventbrite.com.au/	

For further information on safeTALK please visit www.livingworks.com.au or call us on 8644 2020

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NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRANKLIN HARBOUR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11th March 2020 @ 1:00pm in Council Chambers

COWELL LIONS CLUB MARKET

Sunday 8th March 8.00am - 2.00pm

BOWLS—NIGHT OWLS

Tuesday Nights with Teas available

WHAT'S ON AT THE RSL

Cards for everyone Mondays from 1pm

Men's Snooker & Pool Mondays & Thursdays from 1pm

Bingo Wednesdays 2pm \$10 for 15 games

Bar is open & a Sausage Sizzle for \$2.50 Fridays from 5pm

FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Seniors starting @ 7:00pm

CRICKET SEASON

22nd February A Grade, B Grade & Juniors - Cleve V's Cowell

29th February A Grade 1st & 2nd Semi, B Grade—No Cricket & Juniors 1st & 2nd Semi Final—Location TBA

7th March A Grade, B Grade & Juniors Preliminary Final—Location TBA

14th March A Grade, B Grade & Juniors Grand Final—Cleve

Camping Around Franklin Harbour

Did you know that camping areas are provided in the following areas within the Franklin Harbour:

The RV Park, with locations accessible through to the township of Port Gibbon , Lucky Bay and Ulbana Weir (Payne's Weir)

All campers must have self contained toilet facilities with the exception of Lucky Bay & Port Gibbon .

Port Gibbon Township has the following facilities: a Playground , toilets and coin operated hot showers.

Lucky Bay has the following facilities: a Boat Ramp, toilets and coin operated hot showers.

Permits are required to camp within the area for \$5 a night per vehicle or \$25 per week per vehicle with a maximum stay of 14 days. These can be purchased at the allocated pay stations at the locations listed as well as the Council Office, Cowell Hardware, Cowell Roadhouse.

Local Residents and Rate Payers are able to camp at no cost.